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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]20,539	.....	5,810	3,257	5,124	710	178	254	[2]142,242	.....	17,557	10,554	50,192	6,725	1,562	1,263
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]7,526	2,437	451	1,739	374	42	109	.....	[2]49,482	6,567	2,256	15,193	3,210	405	401
Massachusetts.....	177	116	60	...	77	4	1	(*)	870	488	155	...	657	18	5	3
Rochester.....	2	2	1	(*)	...	...	...	...	34	32	32	1	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	20	20	15	...	...	...	...	...	132	132	124	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	7,103	2,390	858	434	4,237	335	42	207	58,564	17,696	6,068	3,018	43,387	3,347	435	955
Philadelphia.....	56	31	...	3	43	8	(*)	(*)	465	126	...	106	340	9	1	5
Maryland.....	40	23	1	...	24	1	...	1	119	46	36	...	68	5	...	4
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	6,586	1,913	3,137	2,759	1	1	...	(*)	12,232	3,183	4,786	6,981	9	3	...	(*)
New Orleans.....	416	51	292	27	(*)	...	49	...	941	228	664	155	1	...	67	...
Galveston.....	487	348	154	6	166	14	...	11	1,292	672	518	40	490	53	...	144
Laredo.....	280	239	156	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	538	485	526	(*)	2	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	398	184	68	12	154	69	15	3	3,914	1,448	345	85	2,272	989	104	30
San Francisco.....	439	213	11	8	100	210	58	4	4,161	1,726	37	109	1,138	1,956	764	42
Washington.....	180	139	129	...	(*)	4	...	16	554	400	475	...	4	8	...	26
Alaska.....	21	12	...	1	4	8	...	(*)	105	67	...	3	28	68	...	1
Hawaii.....	24	15	...	...	...	14	2	...	91	62	...	...	...	59	26	...
Montana and Idaho.....	35	35	27	...	...	...	...	...	143	143	134	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	63	63	49	...	...	...	...	...	206	206	279	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	11	1	1	...	10	...	...	...	17	6	6	...	11	...	...	...
Michigan.....	78	65	4	...	70	1	(*)	(*)	322	274	5	...	296	3	1	12
Chicago.....	901	162	507	...	220	15	3	8	4,363	1,026	2,648	...	1,295	161	28	30
Ohio.....	182	...	102	...	1	...	(*)	...	627	...	527	...	20	...	1	...
Puerto Rico.....	244	62	210	3	...	...	(*)	1	249	88	217	11	...	...	1	3
All other Customs Districts.....	93	83	27	5	16	27	8	1	488	401	74	45	175	46	127	7
Special Category[3].....	2,701	1,359	...	...	...	...	...	...	51,816	20,545	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	8,466	.....	2,712	1,145	4,096	473	14	27	61,061	.....	7,710	1,761	43,665	5,201	388	454
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,188	878	207	1,761	313	7	21	.....	24,756	2,386	766	17,363	3,748	180	313
Massachusetts.....	175	44	121	...	54	(*)	...	...	578	382	125	...	407	2	...	...
Rochester.....	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	5	5	5	...	(*)	...	...	(*)	147	132	103	...	1	...	...	34
New York.....	4,187	1,803	197	96	3,685	186	2	22	46,095	17,165	2,814	903	39,488	1,460	60	378
Philadelphia.....	5	5	(*)	...	5	...	...	...	481	433	11	...	432	...	...	...
Maryland.....	15	5	(*)	...	15	...	...	...	239	62	4	...	215	...	...	...
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,282	625	1,257	991	34	1	(*)	...	2,421	1,222	1,381	784	191	5	(*)	...
New Orleans.....	100	53	98	1	(*)	1	...	...	88	53	56	2	(*)	8	...	...
Galveston.....	99	9	97	(*)	2	...	...	(*)	153	52	70	14	31	...	...	22
Laredo.....	98	91	98	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	65	43	47	1	1	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	198	71	32	1	82	82	1	(*)	2,885	845	698	10	1,030	894	62	(*)
San Francisco.....	163	129	18	(*)	27	104	11	3	1,616	1,083	39	(*)	329	847	251	16
Washington.....	96	91	37	(*)	1	58	...	...	1,459	1,269	301	1	17	1,094	...	...
Alaska.....	26	25	(*)	...	1	25	...	...	801	794	(*)	...	28	770	...	...
Hawaii.....	11	10	1	...	(*)	10	(*)	...	98	55	13	...	1	66	14	...
Montana and Idaho.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	34	34	34	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	21	15	(*)	...	21	...	...	...	193	120	(*)	...	161	...	...	...
Chicago.....	220	102	53	(*)	160	5	...	2	3,103	885	1,686	10	1,246	51	...	5
Ohio.....	16	...	14	...	2	...	...	...	141	...	76	...	31	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	706	73	648	56	2	(*)	...	...	320	87	218	35	36	(*)	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	35	25	30	...	5	(*)	...	...	128	36	28	...	22	2	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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